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O'SHAUGHNESSY THROWS NEW LIGHT ON MEXICAN SITUATION

FORMER CHARGE GIVES PRESIDENT VIEWS ON HUERTA

Details Hatred of Americans as
Shown by Populace in the
Capital City.

GIVEN AUDIENCE AFTER
WAITING SINCE THURSDAY

Cabinet Discusses Situation as
to Mediation. But War
Plans Go On.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy, former charge
of the American embassy in Mexico
City, had a long conference today with
President Wilson. The conference took
place after the Cabinet had been in
session several hours over the Mexican
situation.

The former charge, who arrived here
May 7, and who has been waiting since
then to tell his story, went over with
the President all the incidents prior to
Huerta's action in ordering him out of
Mexico. He told the President of the
many rebuffs which he had met at the
hands of the Mexican foreign office, and
how, in order to carry out the many
requests which came to him from Wash-
ington to intercede in behalf of im-
prisoned Americans, he was compelled
to rely on the personal friendship which
Huerta had for him. He is said to have
pictured to the President the extreme
hatred felt by the Mexicans of all
classes for the American nation, and
told with vivid detail of the reception in
Mexico City of the news that the United
States had demanded a salute of the
Stars and Stripes in reparation for the
Tampico incident.

War Plans Go On.

The Cabinet discussed the latest de-
velopments for some time. Administra-
tion officials are becoming more and
more convinced that Huerta is endea-
voring by every pretext to embarrass the
plans of the A. B. C. mediators for a
peaceful solution of the controversy be-
tween the United States and the Huerta
government. And while this Govern-
ment is proceeding with its agreement
to accept the good offices of the medi-
ators, plans are going right ahead for
war. Huerta's threat to withdraw from
the proceedings because of Admiral Badger's
action in seizing the Lobos Island
lighthouse, is regarded as but one of
the many protests which he intends
making in an effort to embarrass the
mediators.

There is little hope that the medi-
ators will accomplish anything. Practi-
cally the only issue which admits of
mediation is the demand for a salu-
te of the American flag. It is not
believed that the Huerta representa-
tives and those of the United States
can hope to reach any agreement re-
garding a salute to the flag, but who
practically control Mexico now, are not
likely to sacrifice the spoils of victory.

Tampico An Issue.

Of more immediate importance, how-
ever, is the issue likely to be raised
between the United States and the
constitutionalists. Convinced that they
will be in possession of this port
shortly, the rebels are planning to
use it to import arms and ammuni-
tion. At present the United States
is shutting off war supplies from both
factions. The army and navy officials
will insist upon a continuance of this
attitude. It is probable that the
Washington Government will not lift
the blockade at Tampico after the rebels
have conquered it. In that
event it may expect to hear bitter
protests from Carranza.

Secretary of State Bryan reported to
the Cabinet the receipt of a late
dispatch from the Brazilian minister
at Mexico City declaring that fresh
assurances had been given by Huerta
that Vice Consul John R. Silliman,
imprisoned by Carranza at Saltillo,
would be released. Until the consul
is actually freed and turned over to
the American authorities under safe
escort, the Administration will con-
tinue to withhold.

President Wilson, back from New
York, plunged anew into the investiga-
tion of the Mexican City situation. He
conferred with former Charge Nelson
O'Shaughnessy and with Secretary
Bryan.

The mediators, as yet, have received
no answer from Huerta as to whether
he has accepted the explanation of the
United States regarding the occupation
of Lobos Island. Secretary Bryan, while
refusing to make an official reply, was
emphatic in declaring Admiral Badger
was compelled to man the lighthouse as
the light had been darkened by its keep-
ers, who fled from the island. This ex-
planation was accepted for its face
value by the mediators, and Huerta was
so informed.

The question of whether the constitu-
tionalists will be permitted to import
arms through Tampico, should they cap-
ture it, is still undecided.

Passing of Hero Dead Viewed By Reverent Throng



Cañoncarries Bearing Caskets of Sail-
ors and Marines Killed At Vera
Cruz, Arriving at City Hall in New
York.

PLAN TO EXAMINE MELLEN IS HALTED

Former New Haven President in
Town, But Folk Says I. C. C.
Must Set Time for Quiz.

Solicitor Folk of the Interstate Com-
merce Commission was still doubtful
this afternoon how soon Charles S.
Mellen would tell "his story" of the
New Haven railroad's "high finance."
That something unexpected has oc-
curred to temporarily halt Folk's
plans to examine Mellen and former
directors of the New Haven railroad,
was strongly indicated by events during
today's hearing.

When pointedly asked if Mellen would
go on the stand, Folk declared: "It is
my plan to go on as I announced, but
that matter is entirely up to the com-
mission."

That pressure is being brought to
bear upon the commission to keep Mel-
len from telling his story at this time
was believed. It was declared that At-
torney General McReynolds was anxious
to hold up Mellen's testimony until his
examiners could complete their work.

Brought New Evidence.

The question of Mellen's testimony
was being thrust out between the
commission and the Attorney General
today. Mellen has brought down a
large amount of new evidence in the
form of personal letters. If these are
made public, it was declared, they
would cause a furor in Wall Street. The
first witness called to examine him af-
ternoon was W. B. Lawrence, of Bos-
ton. Folk completed his examination
of Timothy J. Byrne, former vice
president of the New Haven, at noon.

A persistent report this afternoon de-
clared Mellen's correspondence would
show he indicated to the New Haven
directors against things they ordered
him to do. It was said also that if Mel-
len took the stand he would testify that
all his actions in behalf of the New
Haven were done at the order of the
late J. P. Morgan.

When the hearing was resumed today
Timothy J. Byrne was called for re-
examination. His early testimony show-
ing expenditures in the railroad's
campaign to prevent the Grand Trunk
Railroad from extending its lines into
Boston.

Called a Lobbyist.

Clarence W. DeKnight, Washington
lawyer, was named as a "lobbyist"
for the New Haven by Byrne. De-
Knight was involved in the Senate
campaign to prevent the Grand Trunk
Railroad from extending its lines into
Boston. Byrne said DeKnight was paid to
"look after" bills in Congress pro-
hibiting railroads from owning steam-
ship lines. Folk produced a \$1,000
voucher paid to DeKnight.

EXPECT OVER 50,000 AT MILITARY MASS

President and High Officials to
Attend Service on Washing-
ton Monument Grounds.

A military field mass, more impres-
sive than any yet held in Washington,
will be celebrated next Sunday morn-
ing at the Washington Monument
grounds, under the auspices of the lo-
cal organization of the United Spanish
War Veterans.

President Wilson and Vice President
Marshall, cabinet officers, members of
the Supreme Court, the Senate and the
House, and commanding officers of the
army, navy, and marine corps, will be
among the distinguished throng. Three
years ago more than 50,000 people at-
tended a similar ceremony here, but
this number this year is expected to ex-
ceed that by several thousand.

Governor Dunn of Illinois, Governor
Walsh of Massachusetts, Mayor Mitchell
of New York, and Mayor Curley of Bos-
ton are expected to be the guests of
the Veterans at the mass. They will
be in Washington for the ceremony at-
tendant to the unveiling of the Barry
monument Friday and Saturday. The
ceremony will participate in the
unveiling ceremonies and every member
in the city is expected to report in un-
ison on those two days.

Will Celebrate Mass.

The mass will be celebrated by the
Rev. Eugene De L. McDonnell, S. J.,
with the Rev. George Sauvage, C. S. C.,
of Holy Cross College, as deacon, and
the Rev. John R. Delaney, C. S. C., as
subdeacon. The Rev. Thomas E. Mc-
Gowan, the Rev. James A. Smyth, the
Rev. John M. McManis, and the Rev.
J. Carroll, of St. Patrick's, will be mas-
ters of ceremonies.

The service will be presided by the
Rev. J. R. McSheehy, O. P., head of the
Dominican order in this country. The
Rev. William T. Russell is general
chaplain of the committee in charge,
and will assist in the field mass. At
his request there will be no parade or
street music in connection with the cere-
monies.

Release of Consul Ordered by Huerta

Vice Consul John R. Silliman at Saltillo, Mexico, is
to be immediately released, it advices from Mexico City
are to be credited.

Assurance that Huerta, the dictator, will bow before
the veiled ultimatum sent him through the mediators last
night came to the State Department today from Minister
Cardoso, Brazilian representative in Mexico City?

Minister Cardoso informed the department that or-
ders for the immediate release of the American consul were
telegraphed to Saltillo by the Huerta government last
night, and that the consul would be delivered to the Bra-
zilian embassy in Mexico City in response to the demand.

The most vigorous diplomatic representations failed
to bring action from the Huerta government in the Silli-
man case, and last night it was necessary for the State De-
partment to present its demands through the mediators
with a threat of enforcement if they were not immediately met.

MUST LEAVE MEXICO.

The Huerta government is exacting
in return according to unofficial dis-
patches, that Silliman immediately
leave the country. This means that
after his delivery in Mexico City, he
will be sent on one of the refugee ships
to Puerto Mexico to sail to the United
States.

Minister Cardoso has agreed that
Silliman is to leave Mexico.

Assurances that he would be released
caused great relief at the State De-
partment today. There have been many
unconfirmed reports that Silliman had
been sold into slavery. No official in-
formation has yet been obtained by the
department with positive assurance
that harm has not befallen him.

HOUSE KILLS ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE DISTRICT TAX PLAN

JOHNSON-PROUTY MEASURES BEATEN BY DECISIVE VOTE

All Measures Dealing With Tax-
ation System Here Are
"Dead Numbers Now."

COMMITTEE MUST NOW
REDRAFT NEW LEGISLATION

Kentuckian Proposed to Re-
quire Property to Raise All
Money for City's Upkeep.

By a decisive vote the House today
rejected the plan of the Johnson-
Prouty element of the District Commis-
tee to change the taxation laws of the
District of Columbia.

The House defeated 164 to 132 the John-
son substitute for the George taxation
bill. It then refused on a viva voce
vote to order the third reading of the
original George bill as offered by Con-
gressman Cresser during debate on the
taxation question.

This action by the House, which was
not unopposed with parliamentary skim-
pling and confusion, kills for the present
the attempt to amend at full value
real, personal, and intangible property
in the District of Columbia.

The House was badly mixed for a
time today on the parliamentary
status of the several taxation propo-
sals which have been made, but the
upshot of it was that the slate was
wiped clean and there is now no bill
on the District calendar proposing
any change in the existing method of
assessment.

Must Redraft a Bill.

The District Committee, of course,
may go to work and redraft a bill
along somewhat similar lines as the
one defeated today, but this takes
time, and it is safe to assume that no
serious effort will be made during the
remainder of this session to overturn
the present taxation system and indi-
rectly to attack the half and half
plan.

Undoubtedly the Johnson substitute,
defeated today, represented such an
attack on the half and half plan,
because under the bill District prop-
erty would have been required to raise
practically all, if not all, of the money
required for the District's upkeep,
and the Federal contribution would
have been assessed as unnecessary.

Striped of its parliamentary compli-
cations this is the way the House to-
day brought about the defeat of the
bill, which is submitted below, and the
entire scheme to change the taxation
system.

When the House met the Johnson
substitute, offered as amendment to the
Cresser substitute, which had been ap-
proved by a narrow vote of 37 to 35 in
"committee of the whole" yesterday
afternoon, was called up. All factions
joined in a roll call demand.

On the roll call the Johnson sub-
stitute, which is submitted below, was de-
feated 164 to 132.

This left the Cresser substitute hang-
ing in the air, and the House was
left with minutes of parliamentary man-
euvering regarding "what is before the
House."

Speaker Clark decided, with the con-
currence of other parliamentarians, that
the House must vote next on the Cresser
substitute, which was in reality the
original George taxation bill applying
only to real estate assessments and
omitting reference to personal and in-
tangible property.

The question is on the third read-
ing of the original bill, said Speaker
Clark.

Calling for the yeas and nays, a few
yeas responded and the move was
shouted with more violence.

"The third reading is refused," said
Speaker Clark, and the House turned to
other business.

Congressman Johnson then moved to
reconsider and lay on the table the
motion for consideration of the Cresser
substitute, which was gone, thus finally
sinking the George bill off the record
just as the Johnson substitute had been
wiped off a few minutes previously.

Under the existing status therefore
the original George bill, the commit-
tee substitute, and the Johnson sub-
stitute are dead and if the taxation
question is revived it will have to be
accomplished through the introduction
of an entirely new Johnson substitute
merely changed the language of the
committee bill, which is submitted
below, and approved by Congressman
Johnson after it had been radically
amended in the District Committee. Mr.
Johnson's substitute, which is submitted
below, offered full-value assess-
ments on real, personal, and intan-
gible property, but allowed 500 ex-
emption of real estate (improvement
and personal and intangible property).

Now a Dead Number.

The original George bill, likewise now
a dead number, provided full-value as-
sessments on real estate.

Below the defeated Johnson sub-
stitute upon which the first vote can-
not be taken.

Marines and Bluejackets Passing Up
Center Street, New York, To Man-
hattan Bridge.

"BALD JACK" ROSE AGAIN TESTIFIES

Tells Why Becker "Wanted Ros-
enthal Killed" to Stop
"Squeals" to Whitman.

By FRED J. WILSON.

NEW YORK, May 12.—"Bald Jack"
Rose, star witness for the State, in its
efforts to send Charles Becker, former
police lieutenant to the electric chair
for plotting the murder of Gambler
Herman Rosenthal, took the stand to-
day shortly before noon.

Becker leaned forward in his chair
when Rose took the stand and showed
as the lines deepened in his face, that
he realized the climax of his case was
near.

Led by District Attorney Whitman,
Rose began the original story of the
negotiations with Becker, and ex-
plained why, he said, the then "czar
of the Tenderloin" wanted Rosenthal
killed because his "squeals" to Whit-
man lessened Becker's safety.

Immediately before Rose took the
stand William Shapiro, driver of the
gray "murder car" from which the four
gunmen leaped to kill Rosenthal, told
his story. Briefly, he went over the
facts of the tragedy. His most impor-
tant testimony, however, related to a
conversation between the four gunmen
in his car as they neared the scene of
the murder.

Shapiro testified:
"I heard one of the boys say, I think
Whitey Lewis, these words: 'Have the
chauffeur turn his car around and wait.
The cops are all fixed. Becker took
'em. Everything is all right.'"

Martin T. Manton, Becker's chief
counsel, fought hard against the intro-
duction of Becker's name. His efforts
were of no avail. Justice Seabury al-
lowed the witness' statement to go on
record and Becker had lost his first
point.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE

Met at noon.
Naval appropriation bill completed by
Senate Naval Committee and ordered
reported.

Interstate Commerce Committee con-
tinues hearings on trust bill.
Canal tolls debate renewed. Senator
Hoke Smith speaks.
President's address at New York put
into the record by Senator Gore.

HOUSE

Met at noon.

Defeated all proposals to change Dis-
trict taxation system.
District subcommittee held hearing on
bill for park in northwest section.
Rules Committee supported rule mak-
ing privilege bill raising Argentine
and Chile legations to embassies.

Interstate Commerce Committee report-
ed Senate coast guard bill.
Educational committee continued hear-
ings on proposed Federal censorship
of moving pictures.

CITIZENS PLEAD FOR A NEW PARK

Aiken Bill Providing for Reserva-
tion at 19th Street and Co-
lumbia Road Indorsed.

The subcommittee on parks of the
House District Committee today held a
brief hearing on the Aiken bill provid-
ing for the acquisition for park pur-
poses of approximately 31,500 square feet
of land, the tract being bounded by
Wyoming avenue, Kalorama avenue,
Columbia road and Nineteenth street
northwest. An appropriation of \$250,000
to acquire the land, through purchase
or condemnation proceedings, is pro-
posed.

Rep. Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge
headed the delegation of residents of
that section the speakers informing the
committee that this thickly-populated
part of the city is practically without
parks. Within the last ten years, ac-
cording to the arguments presented,
more than two new apartment houses
have been erected in the vicinity of the
proposed park. It was also argued that
the new plan and tract small parks at
the northwest or some other sections,
such as the southwest.

Dr. Fisher asserted that it would be
well to supply all sections with park
facilities.
"Those making arguments in favor of
the park included Rep. Admiral and
Mrs. Selfridge, the Rev. Dr. Herbert
Scott Smith, Mrs. Arthur McArthur,
the Rev. John C. Palmer, Charles A.
Douglas, Mrs. Apolline M. Blair, Mrs.
Mary L. Lawrence and Dr. Howard
Fisher.

Motor Crashes Into Tree.

Mrs. Elsie C. Wilson, of 1910 Sunder-
land place northwest, narrowly escaped
last evening when an automobile
which she was driving ran up on the
sidewalk in Connecticut avenue, be-
tween M and N streets, crashing into
a tree box. The accident was due to
the steering gear refusing to work.

New York Prices Higher.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Prices were
higher at the opening of the stock
market today, and trading was mod-
erately active. Canadian Pacific show-
ed a gain of 2 1/2, selling at 124 1/2. Mis-
souri Pacific opened 1/4 down, and broke
a half point further to 11, during the
opening trading.